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FINANCING OF THE UNITED NATIONS PREVENTIVE DEPLOYMENT FORCE

Report of the Fifth Committee

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I. INTRODUCTION

1. The previous recommendations made by the Fifth Committee to the General Assembly under agenda item 169 appear in the report of the Committee contained in document A/50/796/Add.2.

2. The Committee resumed its consideration of the item at its 59th and resumed 64th meetings, on 10 May and 3 June 1996. Statements and observations made in the course of the Committee's consideration of the item are reflected in the relevant summary records (A/C.5/50/SR.59 and 64).

3. The Committee had before it the reports of the Secretary-General on the financing of the United Nations Preventive Deployment Force (A/50/696/Add.4 and Corr.1 and A/50/895) and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (A/50/903/Add.1).

II. CONSIDERATION OF DRAFT RESOLUTION A/C.5/50/L.59

4. At the resumed 64th meeting, on 3 June, the Vice-Chairman of the Fifth Committee introduced a draft resolution entitled "Financing of the United Nations Preventive Deployment Force" (A/C.5/50/L.59), which had been submitted on the basis of informal consultations.

5. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.5/50/L.59 without a vote (see para. 6).

III. RECOMMENDATION OF THE FIFTH COMMITTEE

6. The Fifth Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft resolution:

Financing of the United Nations Preventive Deployment Force

The General Assembly,

Having considered the reports of the Secretary-General on the financing of the United Nations Preventive Deployment Force 1/ and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions, 2/

Recalling Security Council resolutions 983 (1995) of 31 March 1995, by which the Council decided that the United Nations Protection Force within the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia should be known as the United Nations Preventive Deployment Force, and 1027 (1995) of 30 November 1995, by which the Council extended the mandate of the Force until 30 May 1996,

Recalling also its decision 50/481 of 11 April 1996 on the financing of the Force,

Recognizing that the costs of the Force are expenses of the Organization to be borne by Member States in accordance with Article 17, paragraph 2, of the Charter of the United Nations,

Recognizing also that, in order to meet the expenditures caused by the Force, a different procedure is required from that applied to meet expenditures of the regular budget of the United Nations,

Taking into account the fact that the economically more developed countries are in a position to make relatively larger contributions and that the economically less developed countries have a relatively limited capacity to contribute towards such an operation,

Bearing in mind the special responsibilities of the States permanent members of the Security Council, as indicated in General Assembly resolution 1874 (S-IV) of 27 June 1963, in the financing of such operations,

Mindful of the fact that it is essential to provide the Force with the necessary financial resources to enable it to fulfil its responsibilities under the relevant resolutions of the Security Council,

1. Expresses concern about the financial situation with regard to peace-keeping activities, in particular as regards the reimbursement of troop

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1/ A/50/696/Add.4 and Corr.1 and A/50/895.

2/ A/50/903/Add.1.

contributors, which bear burdens owing to overdue payments by Member States of their assessments;

2. Expresses its appreciation to those Member States which have paid their assessed contributions in full;

3. Urges all other Member States to make every possible effort to ensure payment of their assessed contributions to the United Nations Preventive Deployment Force in full and on time;

4. Endorses the observations and recommendations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions, 2/ subject to the provisions of the present resolution;

5. Requests the Secretary-General to take all necessary action to ensure that the Force is administered with a maximum of efficiency and economy;

6. Decides to appropriate an amount of 20,914,200 United States dollars gross (20,562,300 dollars net) for the maintenance of the Force for the period from 1 January to 30 May 1996, inclusive of the amount of 6,500,000 dollars gross (6,397,950 dollars net) authorized for the period from 1 January to 30 May 1996 under the provisions of General Assembly decision 50/481, and requests the Secretary-General to establish a special account for the Force in accordance with paragraph 46 of his report; 3/

7. Decides also, as an ad hoc arrangement, and taking into account the amount of 6,500,000 dollars gross (6,397,950 dollars net) already apportioned in accordance with General Assembly decision 50/481, to apportion an additional amount of 14,414,200 dollars gross (14,164,350 dollars net) for the period from 1 January to 30 May 1996 among Member States in accordance with the composition of groups set out in paragraphs 3 and 4 of Assembly resolution 43/232 of 1 March 1989, as adjusted by the Assembly in its resolutions 44/192 B of 21 December 1989, 45/269 of 27 August 1991, 46/198 A of 20 December 1991, 47/218 A of 23 December 1992, 49/249 A of 20 July 1995, 49/249 B of 14 September 1995 and 50/224 of 11 April 1996 and its decisions 48/472 A of 23 December 1993 and 50/451 B of 23 December 1995, and taking into account the scale of assessments for the year 1996, as set out in its resolution 49/19 B of 23 December 1994 and decision 50/471 A of 22 December 1995;

8. Decides further that, in accordance with the provisions of its resolution 973 (X) of 15 December 1955, there shall be set off against the apportionment among Member States, as provided for in paragraph 7 above, their respective share in the Tax Equalization Fund of the estimated additional staff assessment income of 249,850 dollars approved for the period from 1 January to 30 May 1996;

9. Decides to authorize the Secretary-General to enter into commitments in the amount of 4,237,100 dollars gross (4,132,500 dollars net) for the maintenance of the Force for the period from 31 May to 30 June 1996, to be

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3/ A/50/696/Add.4 and Corr.1.

apportioned among Member States in accordance with the scheme set out in the present resolution, subject to the decision of the Security Council to extend the mandate of the Force beyond 30 May 1996;

10. Decides also that, in accordance with the provisions of its resolution 973 (X) of 15 December 1955, there shall be set off against the apportionment among Member States, as provided for in paragraph 9 above, their respective share in the Tax Equalization Fund of the estimated staff assessment income of 104,600 dollars approved for the period from 31 May to 30 June 1996;

11. Notes the Secretary-General's cost estimate in the amount of 52,351,500 dollars gross (50,835,900 dollars net) for the maintenance of the Force for the period from 1 July 1996 to 30 June 1997;

12. Decides to appropriate an amount of 26,296,200 dollars gross (25,538,400 dollars net) for the maintenance of the Force for the period from 1 July to 31 December 1996, inclusive of an amount of 632,400 dollars for the support account for peace-keeping operations, to be assessed on Member States at a monthly rate of 4,382,700 dollars gross (4,256,400 dollars net), in accordance with the scheme set out in the present resolution, subject to the decision of the Security Council to extend the mandate of the Force beyond 30 May 1996;

13. Decides also that, in accordance with the provisions of its resolution 973 (X) of 15 December 1955, there shall be set off against the apportionment among Member States, as provided for in paragraph 12 above, their respective share in the Tax Equalization Fund of the estimated staff assessment income of 757,800 dollars approved for the period from 1 July to 31 December 1996;

14. Invites voluntary contributions to the Force in cash and in the form of services and supplies acceptable to the Secretary-General, to be administered, as appropriate, in accordance with the procedure established by the General Assembly in its resolutions 43/230 of 21 December 1988, 44/192 A of 21 December 1989 and 45/258 of 3 May 1991;

15. Decides to include in the provisional agenda of its fifty-first session the item entitled "Financing of the United Nations Preventive Deployment Force".